

Energy Impact Office Director Responsibilities

The 2011 Legislature authorized the Land Board to appoint the Energy Impact Office Director who shall:

- Develop a plan for the assistance, through financial grants for services and facilities, of counties, cities, school districts, and other political subdivisions in oil and gas development impact areas.
- Establish procedures and forms for political subdivisions to apply for impact grants.
- Make grants disbursements to counties, cities, school districts, and other taxing districts for grants awarded by the Land Board. In determining the amount of impact grants for political subdivisions, the amount of revenue that the entities receive from taxes on oil and gas plants and from tax or fund distribution formulas must be considered.
- Receive and review applications for impact assistance pursuant to this chapter.
- Make quarterly recommendations to the Land Board regarding grants to counties, cities, school districts, and other political subdivisions in oil and gas development impact areas based on identified needs, and other sources of revenue available to the political subdivision.
- Make recommendations to the Land Board for the distribution of 35% of the oil and gas impact funds to Williston, Dickinson and Minot, while not recommending that any city receive more than 60% of the funds.
- Make recommendations to the Land Board for the distribution of 65% of the oil and gas impact funds to other cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions impacted by oil and gas development.